# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Building safety is a critical component of our homeland security, our personal and public safety, the protection of property, and our economic well-being. While natural disasters over the past year have had devastating and heartbreaking effects around our country and around the world, modern building safety codes and standards help us to withstand, mitigate, and rapidly recover from hurricanes, winter storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, and wildfires; and,

***Whereas***, It is our collective responsibility as a nation - nonprofit organizations and the public and private sectors - to develop and implement effective standards and codes that sustain safe and resilient structures. We need continuous innovation and partnerships at all levels of society to achieve the goals of safe and sensible structures, the theme of this year's National Building Safety Month. Safe and sensible structures require the latest in technology, innovation, and construction techniques, as well as the use of proven practices and technologies, and adherence to current building codes and standards, to save lives and make our buildings resilient to the many natural and manmade risks that we must be prepared for; and,

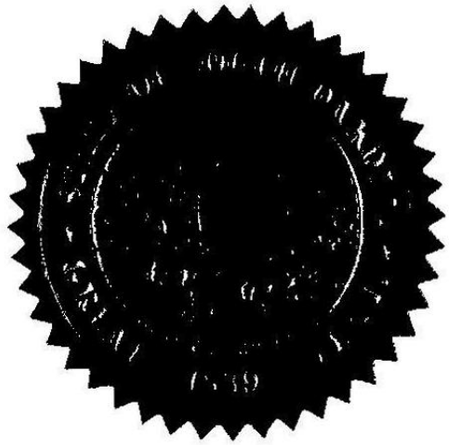
***Whereas***, Building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers, and others in the construction industry work every day to ensure the sound construction of buildings and the safety of our citizens. Their efforts to construct, retrofit, and renovate buildings that follow state-of-the-art safety, energy efficiency, and fire prevention codes and standards are important to our state's resilience and our ability to compete in the 21st century economy; and,

***Whereas***, As a resilient state and nation, we must continue to do everything in our power to enhance our ability to withstand and rapidly recover from natural and manmade disasters, disruptions, and emergencies:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as

## *BUILDING SAFETY MONTH*

in South Dakota.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State